

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, Planning Staff

Dick,

As we discussed, here is our contribution to the Annual Report to the Congress. I have not tried to hone the language to the extent I know you will have to, but I hope this will lend itself to that. If we can provide anything else that you think might be helpful, don't hesitate to let us know.



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DCI's Annual Report to Congress

The Agency's already strong bond with the Congress, and especially with the Oversight and Appropriations Committees, grew even stronger during 1982 with consultation and coordination with committees, with individual Members and with staffs a constant, everyday activity. The relationship is best and most appropriately exemplified by the some 100 Hearings and Briefings provided (40 by the DCI and the DDCI) Members and the some 400 Briefings for staffs, as well as the constant flow of memoranda and other informational materials that contributed to the Agency's goal to keep the Committees completely abreast of its activities. Cooperation and corroboration reached its zenith in June with the passage of the Intelligence Identities Protection Act and its subsequent signing by the President at Headquarters with the major Congressional sponsors in attendance. This Bill not only achieved a major intelligence objective by providing the tools to curtail a critical and harmful practice of identifying clandestine officers overseas, but also epitomized the strong partnership that has been forged with the Congress and markedly raised morale across the entire Intelligence Community. The Agency and the Congress also worked closely and effectively for passage of the FY 83 Intelligence Authorization Bill, adoption of which highlighted the Congress' commitment to the vital rebuilding program currently under way within the Community. The general public's support of the Agency and its mission was manifest throughout the year in the receipt of thousands of letters and telephone calls seeking information and reiterating the senders support for a strong intelligence service.